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1 38. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for a service
2 provider to enable ~~of~~ cost-sharing of a host subscription fee, for a client's
3 collaboration community, wherein the cost-sharing is for using a hosted
4 enterprise solution, the method comprising:

5 generating ~~identifying~~ at least a portion of the collaboration
6 community; ~~a list of partners to that define a client's unique collaboration~~
7 ~~community, the creating being done by the client;~~

8 identifying each partner in the collaboration community that is to
9 become a subscriber of the hosted enterprise solution as part of being in the
10 collaboration community;

11 ~~issuing~~ determining a value generated based on ~~by~~ a predetermined
12 function, wherein the value indicates a modification to the host subscription
13 fee for the client using the hosted enterprise solution;
14 ~~applying~~ using the value to determine to ~~a partner's~~ subscription fee for
15 each subscriber, if any, in the client's collaboration community, which can be
16 ~~used to modify a client's host subscription fee for using their hosted enterprise~~
17 ~~solution;~~

18 calculating a balance of the client's host subscription fee for the client's
19 collaboration community based at least in part on the value; and

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20 ~~utilizing a network and~~ communicating the balance of the host
21 subscription fee to the client for payment over a network.

1 39. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38, ~~wherein the method of~~
2 ~~cost sharing is offered to a client as an option~~ further comprising the step of
3 determining whether the client has interest in modifying the host subscription
4 fee by cost-sharing the host subscription fee.

1 40. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38, further comprising the
2 step of enabling the client ~~wherein the client has flexibility~~ to decide whether
3 one or more of the ~~which~~ partners within the in the collaboration community
4 are capable of electing ~~the client defined to invite to become subscribers.~~

1 41. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 40, wherein the step of
2 enabling the client to decide whether one or more of the partners in the
3 collaboration community includes enabling the client to decide based on a
4 flexibility in deciding which partners to invite to become subscribers is a
5 standard and open policy provided by a ~~the~~ service provider, to the client.

1 42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38, wherein a each partner
2 subscription subscriber is of one of two or more types of subscribers. ~~can be of~~
3 ~~more than one type.~~

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1 44. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38, further comprising the
2 step of enabling the client to select one or more partners from the collaboration
3 community that are allowed to become subscribers. wherein the client has
4 flexibility in deciding which partners within the collaboration community the
5 client defined not to invite to become subscribers.

1 45. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 44, wherein the step of
2 enabling the client to decide whether one or more partners in the collaboration
3 community includes enabling the client to decide based on a flexibility in
4 deciding which partners not to invite to become subscribers is a standard and
5 open policy provided by the service provider to the client.

1 46. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38, wherein the step of
2 identifying each partner in the collaboration community includes
3 accommodating changes to how many partners comprise the collaboration
4 community's membership changes as a collaboration environment of the client
5 changes.

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1 48. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38, wherein for one or
2 more subscribers, the partner's subscription fee and the value are different
3 amounts.

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1 49. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38, wherein further
2 comprising the step of accounting for any partner in the collaboration
3 community who each partner can independently alter changes its status in
4 regards to being or not being one of the subscribers. his subscription status.

1 50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the client's
2 host subscription fee is at least partially contributed to by a non-subscriber ~~for~~
3 who using uses the hosted enterprise solutions.

1 51. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the hosted
2 enterprise solution facilitates collaboration privileges to non-subscribers,
3 subscribers and clients.

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1 56. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38, further comprising the
2 step of enabling the wherein a client can freely remove to restrict rights of usage
3 of a the hosted enterprise solution of a for one or more partners who are
4 subscribers. in the client's collaboration community.

1 57. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38, further comprising the
2 step of enabling the client to restrict wherein a client can freely remove rights
3 of usage of a the hosted enterprise solution of a for one or more partners who
4 are non-subscribers. in the client's collaboration community.

1 58. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38, wherein further
2 comprising the step of providing the hosted enterprise solution is accessed by
3 users to at least a portion of the collaboration community over ~~via~~ the network.

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1 59. (Currently Amended) A system ~~for~~ for a host provider to enable cost-
2 sharing of a host subscription fee for a hosted enterprise solution, wherein the
3 hosted enterprise solution is for a , for a client's collaboration community of a
4 client, for using a hosted enterprise solution, the system comprising
5 the system comprises:

6 one or more modules configured to:

7 a first module to use information provided by the client to
8 generate, with the assistance of a client, a list of partners to that
9 define, at least in part, client's unique the collaboration
10 community of the client;

11 identify each partner in the collaboration community that is
12 to become a subscriber of the hosted enterprise solution as part of
13 being in the collaboration community;

14 a second module to calculate a client's host subscription fee;

15 a third module to calculate a value by based on a pre-
16 determined formula function, wherein the value indicates a
17 modification to the host subscription fee for the client using the
18 hosted enterprise solution;

19 use the value to determine a subscription fee for each
20 subscriber; generated by a partner subscription, if any, in the
21 clients' collaboration community, which can be used to modify the
22 client's host subscription fee; and

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23 ~~a fourth module to~~ update relevant information that affects a
24 client's the -host subscription fee based at least in part on the
25 value of the subscription fee for one or more subscribers;
26 provide the relevant information that affects the host
27 subscription fee online for use by the client; and that is accessible
28 by the client online, thus allowing
29 allow the client to manage the client's host subscription fees
30 to a service provider for a collaboration community, utilizing over
31 the network.

1 60. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the system
2 for cost-sharing is offered to the client as an option.

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1 62. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 59, wherein the system
2 is one or more modules are configured to provide the client with flexibility to
3 decide which partners within a the collaboration community ~~the client defined~~
4 ~~to invite to~~ can elect to become subscribers.

1 63. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 62, wherein the one or
2 more modules are configured to communicate flexibility in deciding which
3 ~~partners to invite to become subscribers is~~ a standard and open policy ~~provided~~
4 ~~by a service provider to the client for~~ facilitating the client in deciding which
5 partners can elect to become subscribers.

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1 64. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is
2 configured to provide the client with ~~flexibility in deciding~~ an ability to decide
3 which partners ~~within a that comprise the~~ collaboration community ~~the client~~
4 ~~defined~~ are not to invite invited to become subscribers.

1 65. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 64, wherein the ability to
2 decide which partners that comprise the collaboration community are not
3 invited to become subscribers is based on flexibility in deciding which partners
4 ~~not to invite to become subscribers is a standard and open policy provided by a~~
5 ~~service provider to the client of the host provider.~~

1 66. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 59, wherein the system
2 is one or more modules are configured to track entities partners that decline
3 subscriptions.

1 67. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is
2 configured to allow the client to manage all ~~subscription activities of partners~~
3 in relation to becoming subscribers and participating in the collaboration
4 community. ~~within the client's collaboration communities.~~

1 68. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is
2 configured to receive a given subscriber's credit card information.

1 69. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 59, wherein ~~the a~~ partner
2 subscription corresponding to the subscription fee can be of more than one
3 type.

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1 71. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is
2 configured to allow the client to create an invitee list related to ~~a~~ the
3 collaboration community.

1 72. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is
2 configured to generate invitations to all invitees.

1 73. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is
2 configured to urge invitees to come to a partner subscription decision.

1 74. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is
2 configured to track ~~a client's~~ the host subscription fee ~~that is at least partially~~
3 ~~contributed by a partner for using a hosted enterprise solution~~ as it is modified
4 by the subscription fee of a given subscriber.

1 75. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is
2 configured to track ~~a~~ the client's host subscription fee that is at least partially
3 contributed by a non-subscriber for using the hosted enterprise solution.

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1 78. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein a
2 subscription fee of the partner and the value are different amounts.

1 79. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is
2 configured to track ~~a client's~~the host subscription fee that is at least partially
3 contributed by the client for using ~~a~~the hosted enterprise solution.

1 80. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 59, wherein ~~a~~the hosted
2 enterprise solution facilitates collaboration privileges for subscribers, non-
3 subscribers and clients.

1 81. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 80, wherein privileges to
2 different users under different subscription plans are different.

1 82. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 59, wherein ~~a~~the hosted
2 enterprise solution is a data-exchange enterprise collaboration software
3 solution.

1 83. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 59, wherein ~~a~~the hosted
2 enterprise solution is a document workflow enterprise collaboration software
3 solution.

1 84. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 80, wherein collaboration
2 privileges for subscribers can be different than that of non-subscribers.

1 85. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is
2 | configured so that a the client can modify a collaboration community
3 | memberships that the client defined.

1 86. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is
2 | configured so that a the client can ~~freely remove~~ restrict rights of usage of a the
3 | hosted enterprise solution of a one or more subscriber in its collaboration
4 | community.

1 87. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is
2 | configured so that a the client can ~~freely remove the~~ restrict rights of usage of a
3 | the hosted enterprise solution of a non-subscriber in its collaboration
4 | community.

1 88. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is
2 | configured so that a at least one or more partners ~~can~~ are capable of
3 | independently altering a corresponding ~~its~~ subscription status.

1 89. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 59, wherein the hosted
2 | enterprise solution is accessed by ~~users~~ the client and the partners via the
3 | network.

1 90. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of
2 implementing a reward program by a service provider for the benefit of ~~a~~any
3 one of one or more clients that ~~has~~have purchased a host subscription for its ~~a~~
4 collaboration ~~communities~~community of that client, the method comprising:
5 identifying a plurality of partners of each client, wherein the plurality of
6 partners comprise the collaboration community of that client;
7 setting, based on a pre-determined formula, an external revenue goal set
8 for ~~a~~each client by a value generated by a partner subscription, ~~if any, in its~~ of
9 one or more partners in the client's collaboration community;
10 offering the external revenue goal to the one or more clients; and
11 enabling each of the one or more clients to ~~the client attempts to~~ earn a
12 value that can be incorporated into a host subscription of ~~the~~ that client, ~~so~~
13 ~~that there are no fees to be paid to a service provider offering the external~~
14 ~~revenue goal, utilizing a network.~~

1 91. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 90, wherein the reward
2 program is offered to the client as an option.

1 92. (New) A computer-implemented method for a client to manage a
2 subscription fee for a host enterprise solution, the method comprising:
3 defining a collaboration community of partners, wherein individual
4 partners in the collaboration community are to use at least a part of the service
5 as part of being in the collaboration community, the service being provided at a
6 cost;

7 identifying, from at least the collaboration community, a plurality of
8 invitees for sharing a cost of the service;
9 requesting each of one or more of the plurality of invitees to decide to be
10 in the collaboration community as a paying partner for the service, so that for
11 at least one of the one or more paying partners, an obligation of the client for at
12 least some of the cost is reduced.

1 93. (New) The method of claim 92, wherein the step of defining a
2 collaboration community includes providing a list of the plurality of partners to
3 the host.

1 94. (New) The method of claim 92, further comprising the step of
2 making a determination as to whether at least some of the partners in the
3 collaboration community should be requested to become paying partners.

4 95. (New) A system for enabling a client to manage a subscription fee
5 for a host enterprise solution, the system comprising:
6 one or more modules configured to:

7 define a collaboration community of partners, wherein individual
8 partners in the collaboration community are to use at least a part of the
9 service as part of being in the collaboration community, the service being
10 provided at a cost;

11 identify, from at least the collaboration community, a plurality of
12 invitees for sharing a cost of the service; and

13 request each of one or more of the plurality of invitees to decide to
14 be in the collaboration community as a paying partner for the service, so
15 that for at least one of the one or more paying partners, an obligation of
16 the client for at least some of the cost is reduced.

1 96. (New) The system of claim 95, wherein the one or more modules
2 are configured to define a collaboration community by providing a list of the
3 plurality of partners to the host.

1 97. (New) The system of claim 95, wherein the one or more modules
2 are configured to make a determination as to whether at least some of the
3 partners in the collaboration community should be requested to become paying
4 partners.